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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 7, 2023

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, September 7, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Roy, Chair  
Councillor Dies, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Brenner\*  
Councillor Carter\*  
Councillor Foster\*  
Councillor Jubb\*  
Regional Chair Henry  
**\* denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Also  
Present: Councillor Schummer\*  
Councillor Wotten\*  
**\* denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Staff  
Present: M. Barta, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services  
A. Chung, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services  
J. Dixon, Director, Business Affairs and Finance Management, Social Services  
J. Gaskin, Director, Children’s Services, Social Services  
M. Grant, Area Manager, Family Services Durham  
R. Hirstwood-Judd, Supervisor, Adult Protective Services, Family Services  
B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit  
J. Hunt, Director of Legal Services, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services  
M. Laschuk, Director, Family Services, Social Services  
L. McIntosh, Director, Income & Employment Support, Social Services  
P. McTavish, Associate Medical Officer of Health  
A. Robins, Director, Housing Services, Social Services  
A. Skan, Manager, Housing Services, Social Services

K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
C. Taylor, Manager, Budgets & Finance, Social Services  
N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance  
T. Tyner Cavanagh, Manager, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships  
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
B. Wall, Manager, Population Health

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Dies,  
(38) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee  
meeting held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

**4. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

**5. Presentations**

5.1 Becky Wall, Manager, Population Health, re: School Health

Becky Wall, Manager, Population Health, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to School Health.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Ontario Public Health Standards
- Guidelines
- What is a Healthy School?
- Comprehensive School Health
- Foundations for a Healthy School
- Durham Region Health Department Approach
- Local Trends
- Initiatives in Schools

B. Wall responded to questions with regards to which level of schooling the program is targeting; whether there is a similar program available for post secondary schooling; the root cause of increased smoking and vaping in older children and ways to decrease smoking and vaping in older children; programs available for children with mental health issues to help them meet the curriculum standards; and whether there are options available to have vaping banned in Ontario and Canada.

5.2 Rachel Hirstwood-Judd, Supervisor, Adult Protective Services, Family Services Durham, and Mark Grant, Area Manager, Family Services Durham, re: Adult Protective Services – Innovative Partnerships and Housing Stability

Rachel Hirstwood-Judd, Supervisor, Adult Protective Services, Family Services Durham, and Mark Grant, Area Manager, Family Services Durham, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Adult Protective Services – Innovative Partnerships and Housing Stability.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Case Management Services
- Adult Protective Services (APS) Provides Advocacy
- APS Program Service Philosophy
- Who would qualify for the APS program?
- Why we're developing and strengthening our partnerships and collaborations
- Primary Care Outreach Program (PCOP) / Mental Health Outreach Program (MHOP) – Working together to create a circle of support for individuals
- Region of Durham Housing
- Housing STATS
- Beaverton Supportive Housing
- Ontario Works
- Trustee
- Counselling
- Prompt Access to Single Session (PASS) Case Management
- Durham College Research Project

**6. Delegations**

6.1 James Meloche, CEO, Community Care Durham, and Melissa Rudan, Lead, Community Capital Development, Community Care Durham, re: Community Care Durham's Vision of Community Health and Wellness Hubs

James Meloche, CEO, Community Care Durham, participating electronically, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Community Care Durham's Vision of Community Health and Wellness Hubs.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Why we're here today
- Mission
- Vision
- Overview of Community Care Durham (CCD)
- CCD's Support of Durham Residents
- CCD – Trusted, Respected, Valued
- What is a Community Health and Wellness Centre?

- Our Community Health and Wellness Centres will address Critical Issues in Durham Region
- Community Health and Wellness Centre
- Community Health and Wellness Floorplan
- New Amenities
- Reception, Adult Day Program – Activity Area, Community Kitchen, Adult Day Program – Kitchen Area
- Benefits for Durham Region
- How We Will Measure Success
- People Value our Services
- Capital Campaign
- Why \$3 Million
- Help us Build for our Future

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,

(39) That the Health & Social Services Committee recommends that the following requests from Community Care Durham be referred to Finance staff for appropriate action and response:

- A) That Community Care Durham's concept of Community Health and Wellness Centres be endorsed;
- B) That the Region of Durham advocate for capital funding;
- C) That the Region of Durham help to remove the barriers that limit clients' ability to access our services through providing financial support; and
- D) That broader conversations and collaborations in Durham Region be fostered to address sustainable growth of an aging community, increasing mental health challenges, homelessness, immigration, and other important health and social issues.

CARRIED

## 7. Health

### 7.1 Correspondence

- A) Information Report #2023-INFO-74 of the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, re: Public Health Services to Support School Health, including Mental Health Promotion and Substance Use Prevention

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,

(40) That Information Report #2023-INFO-74 of the Commissioner and Medical Officer of health, re: Public Health Services to Support School Health, including Mental Health Promotion and Substance Use Prevention, be received for information.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

A) Durham Nuclear Health Committee Membership (2023-MOH-5)

Report #2023-MOH-5 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Dies, (41) That we recommend to Council:

That the following individuals be appointed to the Durham Nuclear Health Committee:

- i) Dr. Lubna Nazneen: Public Member – Ajax
- ii) Dr. Seewoosunkur Gopaul: Public Member – Pickering
- iii) Madison Kidd: Public Member (youth) – Oshawa
- iv) Madisen Wood: Public Member (youth) – Whitby
- v) Adam de Grosbois: Alternate Member – Clarington
- vi) Bill Rattan: Alternate Member – Whitby

CARRIED

**8. Social Services**

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

There were no Social Services Reports to consider.

**9. Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

**10. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

**11. Other Business**

11.1 Correspondence re: Homelessness National Emergency

Councillor Carter thanked the Regional Chair for submitting a letter on behalf of the Regional Chair and eight Mayors of Durham Region to the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Official Opposition of Canada, and Jagmeet Singh, Party Leader of NDP, to declare homelessness a national emergency.

Regional Chair Henry advised that the letter was sent electronically and by registered mail to their respective ridings and the Premier and follow up will take place to ask what actions are going to be taken. He stated that the letter will also be sent to the Premier of Ontario and the same steps will be taken to follow up.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,  
(42) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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E. Roy, Chair

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk